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NATIONAL HOP ACREAGE STRUNG FOR HARVEST UP 5 PERCENT

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 10, 2005 -- Hops: Area strung for harvest in 2005 for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho is forecast at 29,189 acres, 5 percent more than the 2004 crop of 27,742 acres, and 2 percent more than the 2003 crop of 28,669 acres. Washington, with 20,807 acres for harvest, accounts for 71 percent of the U.S. total acreage, 1,425 acres more than a year ago. Oregon hop growers plan to string 5,105 acres or 18 percent of the U.S. total for 2005, with Idaho hop growers accounting for the remaining 11 percent, or 3,277 acres strung for harvest. Idaho growers increased their hop acreage over last year by 1 percent, while Washington acreage increased by 7 percent. Oregon's acreage was virtually unchanged from a year ago.

There are drought concerns this year, although at this time water supplies have not affected crop development. Grower concerns will increase as the season progresses into the hotter months of summer. Disease concerns are about average. With all the additional rain storms this spring, downy mildew has been a bit more of a problem than usual. Powdery mildew has not presented any unusual challenges thus far, and there are no serious concerns with any pests at this time.

Hops: Area Harvested by Variety, State, and United States,
2003-2004 and Forecasted June 1, 2005

State and Variety	:	Area Harvested		:Strung for Harvest		
	:	2003	:	2004	:	2005

	:	Acres				
ID	:					
Total 1/	:	3,429	:	3,253	:	3,277
	:					
OR	:					
Cascade	:	-	:	91	:	62
Glacier	:	245	:	243	:	-
Golding	:	95	:	105	:	105
Liberty	:	-	:	-	:	-
Millenium	:	-	:	264	:	295
Mt. Hood	:	217	:	215	:	219
Nugget	:	1,529	:	1,286	:	1,363
Perle	:	450	:	259	:	-
Sterling	:	84	:	222	:	276
Willamette	:	2,224	:	2,175	:	2,273
	:					
Other Varieties	:	904	:	247	:	512
	:					
Total	:	5,748	:	5,107	:	5,105
	:					
WA	:					
Ahtanum	:	-	:	-	:	50
Cascade	:	2,120	:	1,422	:	1,183
Chelan	:	180	:	201	:	262
Chinook	:	453	:	492	:	439
Cluster	:	430	:	449	:	463
Columbus/Tomahawk	:	2,738	:	3,029	:	2,744
Galena	:	2,856	:	3,417	:	3,829
Glacier	:	-	:	-	:	31
Golding	:	22	:	36	:	37
Hallertauer	:	53	:	46	:	48
Horizon	:	135	:	-	:	-
Millenium	:	1,386	:	1,124	:	1,115
Mt. Hood	:	32	:	39	:	51
Northern Brewer	:	65	:	65	:	-
Nugget	:	918	:	807	:	1,062
Palisade	:	-	:	-	:	54
Perle	:	104	:	47	:	-
Sterling	:	-	:	-	:	93
Tillicum	:	194	:	-	:	-
Willamette	:	3,645	:	3,542	:	4,055
YCR-5(WarriorTM)	:	1,242	:	793	:	584
Zeus	:	2,333	:	2,903	:	3,695
	:					
Other Varieties	:	586	:	970	:	1,012
	:					
Total	:	19,492	:	19,382	:	20,807
	:					
US	:	28,669	:	27,742	:	29,189

1/ Only State totals will be published for Idaho to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

- Included in Other Varieties to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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